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BEGIN SUMMARY. GENERAL DEBATE CONTINUED AFTERNOON, JULY 7,
WITH STATEMENTS BY FRANCE, VENEZUELA, ILO AND ETHIOPIA. END
SUMMARY.

FRANCE: 1. FRENCH EX-MINISTER PIERRE DUMAS, IN ANALYZING DISORDERED
WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, MENTIONED INTER-ALIA THE DISTURBANCE TO
DC ECONOMIES RESULTING FROM ACTIONS OF "CERTAIN PRIMARY
PRODUCER COUNTRIES" AND RESULTING IN REDUCTION IN VOLUME OF DC
PUBLIC TRANSFERS TO LDCS; AS WELL AS ANOMALY OF VAST RESERVES AC-
CUMULATED BY CERTAIN PRIMARY PRODUCERS ABOUT WHICH LITTLE IS KNOWN
AS TO HOW THEY WILL BE UTILIZED. DUMAS SAID FRANCE SUPPORTS PRIN-
CIPLE OF MORE JUST AND EFFICACIOUS ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT HE DID NOT
BELIEVE IN VIRTUE OF REPETITIVE DECLARATIONS. RE NIEO, FRANCE
WISHES TO PURSUE DIALOGUE WITH LDCS AS IT BELIEVES IN POSSIBILITY
OF SUBSTITUTING ORDER FOR DISORDER. HE STRESSED INTERDEPENDENCE.

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2. HE SUGGESTED FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR COOPERATION: (1) SEIZE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO NEGOTIATE, E.G. SUCCESSFUL LOME ACCORDS AND INCONCLUSIVE PARIS PREPARATORY MEETING WHICH DID IDENTIFY POINTS OF AGREEMENT AND POINTS TO BE RESOLVED; (2) DISCUSS BOTH BROAD GENERALITIES AND PRECISE POINTS, THE LATTER BEING WHAT THE SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION SHOULD FOCUS ON; (3) EXCLUDE REFERENCES TO THE PAST, ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY REFLECT A CONSERVATIVE NOSTALGIA OR A SPIRIT OF REVENGE; (4) BE AWARE OF SACRIFICES NECESSITATED IN ACHIEVING BENEFITS, E.G. FRANCE CANNOT INSTANTLY ACCEPT GREATER SACRIFICES IN TIMES OF GROWING RECESSION AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

3. DUMAS SAID PREPARATORY COMMITTEE WAS WISE IN LIMITING PROVISIONAL LIST OF AREAS OF DISCUSSION AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION TO FIVE, ON WHICH HE HOPED FOR BROAD CONSENSUS ON PRINCIPLES. HE COMMENTED ON: (1) PRIMARY PRODUCTS. FRANCE HAS LONG MAINTAINED THEY SHOULD NOT BE SUBJECT EXCLUSIVELY TO THE LAWS OF THE MARKET. WHILE RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF GLOBAL APPROACH, HE ADVOCATED NEGOTIATING PRODUCT BY PRODUCT. (2) INDUSTRIALIZATION. CONCRETE SOLUTIONS ARE POSSIBLE. WHILE LIMA DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF ACTION FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS BECAUSE CERTAIN COUNTRIES COULD NOT ACCEPT FORMULATIONS ON NATIONALIZATION, INDEXATION AND PRODUCERS ASSOCIATIONS, THERE WAS AGREEMENT ON NEED FOR NEW STRUCTURE AND FOR DC ASSISTANCE IN LDC INDUSTRIALIZATION, ESPECIALLY IN PROCESSING PRIMARY PRODUCTS. SPECIAL MEASURES ARE NEEDED FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED. (3) TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. TRAINING OF TECHNICIANS, ENGINEERS AND RESEARCHERS IS ESSENTIAL. (4) REFORM OF MONETARY SYSTEM AND TRANSFER OF RESOURCES. FRANCE IS PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER THE POOREST AND MOST VULNERABLE COUNTRIES. COUNTRIES ABLE TO DO SO SHOULD TRY TO ATTAIN QUICKLY IDS GOALS ON ASSISTANCE VOLUME. FRANCE DOES NOT DISMISS CERTAIN AUTOMATIC METHODS OF TRANSFER SUCH AS SDR LINK.

4. IDS NEEDS REVISION BUT THIS MUST AWAIT 30TH GA. FRANCE DOES NOT SHARE DOUBTS OF CERTAIN DELEGATIONS ON ITS UTILITY, AS IT PERMITS SERIOUS EVALUATIONS. DUMAS AGREED WITH RECOMMENDATION OF EXPERTS GROUP THAT GA SHOULD REAFFIRM CENTRAL ROLE OF ECOSOC. GOF IS NOW STUDYING EXPERTS' REPORT.

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VENEZUELA: 5. MAIN THEME OF VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR D'ASCOLI'S STATEMENT WAS CALL FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF NIEO AS BASIC TASK OF SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. HE SAID INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HAD CHOSEN ALTERNATIVE OF ESTABLISHING NEW ORDER DESPITE FACT THAT SOME INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES CONSIDERED COST TOO HIGH. HE NOTED SOME OF LATTER HAD ALTERED POSITIONS IN FAVOR OF SEEKING UNDERSTANDING, AND HOPED OTHERS WOULD ALSO DO SO. ECOSOC'S TASK IS TO DIRECT AND COORDINATE IMPLEMENTATION OF NIEO, "AS AGREED AT 57TH ECOSOC".

LDCS ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE WAYS OF IMPLEMENTATION; E.G., WE REALIZE SOLUTIONS TO RAW MATERIALS CANNOT BE UNILATERAL, BUT THESE MUST CONFORM TO A GLOBAL PLAN COVERING ALL RAW MATERIALS AND WE CAN IN NO WAY ACCEPT A CASE-BY-CASE STUDY, WHICH IS DELAYING TACTIC.

6. INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY HAS FAILED BECAUSE OF "TRADITIONAL LACK OF POLITICAL WILL" BY THOSE IN POSITION TO PUT IT IN PRACTICE, AND IT SHOULD BE REVISED IN LIGHT OF NIEO. CERDS REPRESENTED ADVANCE. UNIDO II WAS ALSO SIGNIFICANT, BUT AGAIN DECISION TO TRANSFORM UNIDO WAS NOT SUPPORTED BY SOME DCS AND ONE WAS AGAINST. AT SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION WE CANNOT REVIEW QUESTIONS OF PRINCIPLE WHICH HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND WHICH CONSTITUTE A FIRM COMMITMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, BUT TASK MUST BE SOLELY TO FIND APPROPRIATE WAYS OF IMPLEMENTING NIEO.

7. THE MIS-NAMED ENERGY CRISIS HAS REVEALED THE INTOLERABLE WASTE, MALADMINISTRATION AND IRRATIONAL EXPLOITATION OF SOME NATURAL RESOURCES. OIL COUNTRIES ARE TAKING MEASURES TO HELP FELLOW LDCS BUT THIS CAN NEVER SUPPLANT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. EFFORTS MUST BE RE-DOUBLED TO ACHIEVE MECHANISMS TO REGULATE TNCs, SUCH AS A CODE OF CONDUCT; TNC CENTER SHOULD BE MADE EFFECTIVE AND SHOULD BE ASSISTED BY REGIONAL ORGANS LINKED TO THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS.

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ILO: 8. ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL FRANCIS BLANCHARD STRESSED THE NEED FOR SOCIAL PROGRESS AS A FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVE OF THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE. ILO CAN MAKE A UNIQUE CONTRIBUTION IN THIS REGARD BY MOBILIZING EFFORTS OF EMPLOYER AND WORKER'S ORGANIZATIONS. HE HIGHLIGHTED PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND INCOME DISTRIBUTION. IN 1970 IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT 250 MILLION WORKERS EARNED LESS THAN \$150 PER YEAR. EACH YEAR 75 MILLION CHILDREN REACH SCHOOL AGE AND 40 MILLION ENTER THE LABOR MARKET. THESE ARE ALARMING FIGURES WHICH REFLECT IMMENSE HUMAN MISERY AND CONTAIN THE SEEDS OF POLITICAL DISORDER. BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE MODERN SECTOR WHILE THE RURAL MASSES DO NOT PARTICIPATE. IT IS NECESSARY, THEREFORE, TO DEVOTE EQUAL ATTENTION TO RURAL EMPLOYMENT AS WELL AS EMPLOYMENT IN THE MODERN SECTOR. THE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY SHOULD BE REVISED TO REFLECT THIS PRINCIPLE.

9. BLANCHARD REFERRED TO THE PROBLEM OF INCOME DISTRIBUTION. IN MANY COUNTRIES, TWENTY PERCENT OF THE POPULATION SHARE SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF NATIONAL PRODUCTION WHEREAS THE MASSES UNCLASSIFIED

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OF POOR SHARE THE REMAINING TWENTY-FIVE PERCENT. THIS SITUATION SHOULD BE AMELIORATED BY ACCORDING A GREATER PORTION OF THE BENEFITS OF ECONOMIC GROWTH TO THE POOR.

10. IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST POVERTY, UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEQUAL INCOME DISTRIBUTION, THE ILO LAUNCHED A WORLD PROGRAM OF EMPLOYMENT IN 1969. A CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD UNDER ILO AUSPICES, IN JUNE 1976, ON EMPLOYMENT, DISTRIBUTION OF INCOME, SOCIAL PROGRESS AND INTERNATIONAL DIVISION OF LABOR. IT WILL DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION OF LABOR; CHOICE OR ADAPTATION OF TECHNOLOGY FOR CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT; THE ROLE OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS; AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. A BACKGROUND PAPER WILL BE PREPARED BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR THE CONFERENCE.

11. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL SPOKE FAVORABLY OF THE EXPERTS REPORT ON STRUCTURAL REFORM. HE STATED THAT THE ILO IS READY TO SUPPORT THE NEW STRUCTURES ENVISAGED BY THE EXPERTS AND TO ASSIGN ONE OF ITS BEST OFFICIALS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROPOSED PLANNING GROUP. ILO IS ALSO PREPARED TO TAKE STEPS TOWARDS GREATER HARMONIZATION OF BUDGET PRESENTATION. HE CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, AGAINST SEPARATING RESEARCH AND SETTING OF STANDARDS ON THE

ONE HAND FROM TECHNICAL COOPERATION. HE ALSO QUESTIONED THE SUGGESTION THAT POLICY FORMULATION BE PERFORMED BY SOME ORGANIZATIONS WHILE LEAVING OPERATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES TO OTHERS. HE FAVORED FLEXIBILITY OF APPROACH IN EXECUTING PROJECTS.

ETHIOPIA: 12. AMBASSADOR BERHANU WAKWAYA OF ETHIOPIA GAVE LENGTHY STATEMENT WHICH WAS SHARPLY CRITICAL OF INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC PROBLEMS. EFFORT IS EXPENDED ON CONFERENCES AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS WHILE GLARING AND INHUMAN DISPARITIES PERSIST. HE WAS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL OF MEASURES TO HELP THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHICH REGISTERED 0.6 PERCENT REAL GROWTH AS CONTRASTED WITH 3.5 PERCENT TARGET OF DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. THE INCREASE OF AGRICULTURE PRODUCTION HAS BEEN LESS THAN ONE PERCENT DURING THE FIRST FOUR YEARS OF THE DEVELOPMENT DECADE. HE REFERRED TO THE POOR PERFORMANCE OF EXPORTS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND UNFAVORABLE TERMS OF TRADE.

13. AMBASSADOR WAKWAYA STRESSED THE NEED FOR GREATER EMPHASIS
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ON DOMESTIC FOOD PRODUCTION AND WELCOMED RECOGNITION OF THE NEED TO AUGMENT INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR AGRICULTURAL INVESTMENT.

14. THE BALANCE OF THE STATEMENT WAS DEVOTED TO POLICIES OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT DESIGNED TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS.DALE

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